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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND
SAFETY OF BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEDESTRIANS.

1 WHEREAS, there are over five hundred serious pedestrian-
2 related accidents annually in Hawaii with twenty to thirty
3 resulting in fatalities; and
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5 WHEREAS, blind and visually impaired individuals must take
6 additional precautions when crossing streets, particularly due
7 to their inability to see vehicles; and
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9 WHEREAS, blind and visually impaired individuals often rely
10 on their sense of hearing to determine when it is safe to cross
11 a street; and
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13 WHEREAS, electric and hybrid vehicles often make very
14 little noise when driving at low speeds and blind and visually
15 impaired individuals have complained that it is difficult to
16 determine if an electric or hybrid vehicle nearby prevents the
17 safe crossing of a street; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
22 Transportation is urged to promote driver awareness of blind and
23 visually impaired pedestrians, including placing awareness
24 posters in public facilities, purchasing radio and television
25 advertisements, and installing street signs in areas of high
26 pedestrian use by blind and visually impaired individuals; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
3 Transportation.
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